

SEWERAGE QUESTION IS VIEWED STRICTLY FROM THE FINANCIAL POINT

Figures on Minimum Cost of Funerals, Doctor Bills and Baths Show the Cost of Installing Sewerage System to Be Only Half of What Citizens Now Pay

ANTI-SEWERAGIST WON'T WRITE FOR NEWS

and the golden hair was hanging over his shoulders. That the financial side of the sewerage question is the weakest side to it there is no one to doubt, but since what opposition the issue has met is made on the financial side, this article will be devoted strictly to that phase of the question.

In all the interviews the News has had with the various citizens, not one has been found who claims he opposes sewerage from a sanitary point of view. Sewerage is a good thing, all agree, and then the small opposition is divided; some say the town is not large enough, others that the poor people can't afford the extra taxation, and one thing and another. Two men, John Whitmore and Wesson, say they oppose sewerage on the same ground that they do the building of Tucumcari's new school house. Just what that ground is they would not tell and when invited to write out their opposition with a guarantee that the News would take great pleasure in printing their side of the question, both declined, saying they could talk to a better advantage than they could write.

Another man is quoted as saying that he opposes sewerage simply because certain members of the city council in inaugurated it, and then ends his little whine with a faint cry of "graft." But these absurd arguments are not to be dealt with by the News and as it seems the News is unable to obtain the point that some men are keeping a secret to be sprung nearer election, this article will be devoted to a few figures on the financial side of the question.

The interest on a hundred thousand dollars' worth of bonds will cost six thousand dollars a year. This would raise taxes three fourths of one percent, or six dollars on a thousand. This is only quoted for the satisfaction of those who continue to argue taxes, but

is given no weight, nor is it considered argument, since the money is not to be raised by taxation, but simply by charging a nominal fee to those who use the system. The taxation method would be cheaper for citizens who do not use sewerage, but since it is the plan not to tax the fellow who has no vote, and maybe will not immediately install sewerage, owing to the fact that he resides in the outlying districts of the city, it has been decided to raise the money the other way.

There is no arguing that without sewerage the city is out of danger of epidemic of typhoid fever or other death sweeping disease. The average cost of a doctor's bill for a single case of typhoid fever where the patient gets well is seventy-five dollars. If the patient dies the cheapest he can be buried is thirty-five dollars, according to estimates made by M. H. Koch, the undertaker, but the average funeral costs about ninety dollars or more. These are only figures, and figures that are very apt to stare any person in the face at any time so long as Tucumcari is without a sanitary sewerage system.

The average cost of cleaning a cess pool is two hundred and fifty dollars a year. Of cleaning a closet pit, ten dollars. Those who bathe only once a week pay thirteen dollars a year, those who bathe less are not subscribers to this paper.

On the other hand, if sewerage is installed, it will cost a residence forty dollars to install a closet and bath tub in the house. Danger of sickness will be decreased ninety per cent and the cost of the sewerage privilege will cost ten dollars a year or less. The sewerage system will cost more the first year, it is true, but after that it will be more expensive to do without it.

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SHORT SESSION HAVE ALDERMEN

Remainder of Sidewalks to be Put Down by Ordinance.

Very little business was transacted by the city aldermen at their regular meeting last Wednesday night. Owing to the absence of Alderman Buchanan and the partial absence of Alderman Evans, a full board was not present and only minor points were considered.

In the absence of Clerk Daughtry, Attorney Holloman acted as clerk and read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved. The report of the finance committee was made by Alderman Haller, and accepted.

Attorney Holloman reported that inasmuch as J. D. Lovelady could not act as a member of the registration board in Ward 2 since he had moved from that ward, he recommended C. Ferguson as his successor. The recommendation was confirmed.

The condition of the sidewalks on Main street, between the K. C. saloon and Dr. Thompson's residence were then discussed and it was decided to pass ordinance ordering sidewalks put in front of all property where they have not already been built.

The acting clerk was given the commission of attending to all the preliminary arrangements connected with the polls at the bond election, to be held the last of this month.

The meeting was adjourned after a thirty minute session.

"THE RAIDERS" MAY NOT RAID AT ALL

Two Members of Cast Said to Have Taken Parts Too Seriously.

"The Raiders" may not raid after all, is the latest rumor among the home talent company, which practiced several nights on the beautiful Southern play, which was to have been given at a local opera house in the near future. Just why "The Raiders" will not raid and the local lovers of drama be robbed of a night's entertainment cannot be learned exactly, but it is said that two members of the cast, Stephen Fairfax and Miss Dorothy, the fair daughter of the Virginia judge, took their parts too seriously, and that which was only fictitious in the mind of the play right, may be enacted into reality at a date in the near future.

Of course this is only a rumor, and is printed for what it is worth, but the fact remains that the company has not rehearsed of late, and that the theaters are beginning to feel uneasy lest the original project of the show fail and be substituted by something more realistic. This would, of course, be pleasant to all friends of the two characters for a great deal of interest is being taken in the outcome of the inauguration of the play in Tucumcari, and odds are being put up on the side of those who say "The Raiders" will not raid.

WINDOWS RECEIVED.

Local Presbyterians are elated over the arrival of the new church windows, which reached here this week from the Jacoby Art Glass company, of St. Louis, who made the windows to order. Work on the new church building has been suspended on account of the delay of these windows, but since they have been received the work will be commenced at once and rushed to completion.

The church furniture has been here for some time, but has been stored away, awaiting the completion of the building.

SHERIFF CAPTURES AND HOLDS AN ALLEGED FUGITIVE FROM GEORGIA

Sheriff Ward won another feather for his cap this week when he captured and held Robert L. Alexander, who is wanted in Jasper, Georgia, on six charges. Ward received a description of the alleged fugitive only a few days ago and landed him at first sight.

Alexander has been in Tucumcari about a month, but was unnoticed since the officers here knew not that he was wanted until last Saturday. He was

ON CHOCTAW TIES ARE BEING LAID

Thirty Thousand Ties Are Being Unloaded in Local Railway Yards.

MORE EXPECTED SOON

Engineer Stark Constructing Choctaw Yards For Purpose of Storing

As stated in the last issue of the News, the actual work of laying ties and rails on this end of the Tucumcari and Memphis railroad was begun Monday morning. The work is being done under the direction of Engineer Stark, who has a large force of men employed unloading material and placing the ties. Already over two miles of ties have been laid and about thirty thousand unloaded.

It is the engineer's intention to build a temporary yard of three tracks, for the purpose of storing material, before he pushes the work out of the city. As soon as the yard is completed he will commence the first section of the track and complete it for thirteen miles out for the convenience of the contractors now working there.

The grade of the first section is ready, and nothing will have to be done in that connection with the exception of the building of a few small bridges, before the steel laying will be completed.

To date no steel has arrived, but Engineer Stark is expecting several carloads the first of the coming week, and then the ties already in place will be complemented with rails.

BOX SOCIAL.

The home of Mrs. J. C. Elkins, on Aher street, was the scene of a box social, given under the auspices of the Woman's Home Mission society of the Methodist church last Tuesday night. Invitations were issued with a small sock attached. Each person was supposed to place twice the number of pennies as the size of the sock he wore into the small one before presenting his card at the door. Quite a large sum was raised in this manner.

The evening was passed very pleasantly with games, reading and music. Refreshments were served during the evening.

THURSDAY DANCE.

The regular semi-monthly dance given by the younger set, came off at the skating rink last Thursday night. A congenial gathering was present and the club dances promise to be the happy occasions of the season.

FOR JULY FOURTH PLANS ARE MADE

Masonic Lodge to Have Charge of School Cornerstone Laying.

WANT FIREWORKS TOO

Tucumcari's Fourth of July celebration, which it has been decided to hold on the third, because the fourth is Sunday, is now taking shape and the third of July promises to be a happy occasion in this city.

The school board is planning an elaborate cornerstone laying at the new school house, where speeches will be made by the governor and other strong men of the territory and city. All arrangements for these proceedings have been turned over to the Masonic lodge, however, which will get up the program and have entire charge of the day's celebrations. All other fraternal orders of the city and county have also been invited to attend in regalia or as they see fit. Definite arrangements have not been completed as yet, but it is probable that each order will take a part in the proceedings. The entire program and arrangements will be announced in the next issue of the News.

The city council has been asked to take the matter up and plan for a baseball game in the afternoon and a display of fireworks at night. To date, however, the council has taken no steps toward celebrating the day, but it is intended that the matter will be discussed at the meeting next Wednesday night.

The Business Men's league has also been requested to take an interest in the matter, but no meeting has been called to consider it, and it is unknown whether the league will take up the proposition as an organization or individually.

Many of the citizens are very anxious to celebrate the day in a style in keeping with the spirit of '76, and some have expressed themselves as being in favor of allowing young America to have his pockets filled with fireworks and his heart with glee. Argued one, that it was the duty of parents to instill into the hearts of children the meaning of the day, and if it required the booming of powder it should be done.

They are only in favor, however, of allowing fireworks to be boomed and displayed at such places as the fair grounds, and not anywhere that it is liable to cause damage.

WAS MEETING HELD OR MET THEY NOT

Meeting For Propagation of Typhoid Fever Germs, It Is Said.

YET SOME SAY NOT

Tiddle-dee-dee and Tiddle-dee-dum Was Fully Discussed.

Things were certainly whooped up around the News office Tuesday evening, when word was brought in to the effect that the Anti-Sewerage men were holding a meeting for the "propagation of typhoid germs." What excellent dupe for a hungry cub? And in less than no time he was off to Attorney Boone's office, the supposed place of the meeting.

But, alas, he was a minute too late, for the meeting had been a short one, and was adjourned. Silence reigned supreme in the office, yet the chairs bore signs of a meeting where "peace and harmony did flow like water down a later row."

But to find some one who had been present was the only resort. Parties had been seen going and coming away, yet not one of these men had been there. How strange. Not even one had heard of the meeting. Well, yes, John Whitmore said he had, but he was not present, and only knew what Sidney had told him, he said. Sidney could, of course, tell all about it, since he had told Whitmore just twenty minutes before.

But Sidney knew less than anyone, and it was news to him when the cub brought up the subject. He had, of course, talked to Whitmore of another affair, and Whitmore must certainly have misinterpreted him, for sewerage had not been mentioned.

It was indeed a hard blow to the reporter, hungry for news as he was, to be thrown off the scent in this manner. Was there a meeting, or was there not, that was the question. Still there was no consolation, and when the hotly busy men asked for an invitation to attend the next meeting in case one should be held, everybody was silent, except one man, and he only half whispered, "like H—- order sideways."

ABOUT LONG HOURS CLERKS COMPLAIN

Third Petition Asking For Shorter Hours Has Fallen Through.

CALL IT A SHAME

Many of the clerks of the city were thrown into the dumps recently when a petition asking that all stores close at 6 o'clock instead of 7, as at present, was blasted by two storekeepers.

This is the third petition that has fallen through simply because two men refused to sign it. One indignant dry good clerk, in conversation with a News representative expressed himself as follows: "We clerks think it is a d—d shame that about a hundred and fifty of us have to continue to work an hour after 6 o'clock when we need that hour for recreation, simply because John Whitmore and S. V. Williams would not sign our petitions. All the largest storekeepers were heartily in favor of closing at 6 o'clock, but, of course, some could not do it unless they all agreed to it. It's a hard thing to work all day and then continue to stand behind a counter during the best hour of the day, the very hour we could receive the most benefit out of doors."

ENGINEER INJURED.

W. J. McAlister, engineer on the Northwestern and proprietor of the Elk rooms in this city, was severely injured Tuesday by falling from his engine, which gave a lurch he was not expecting. He was sent to the hospital, and will be able to resume his work in a few weeks.

BALLENGER MAY VISIT TERRITORY

Santa Fe, N. M., June 7.—Word was received today that Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Postmaster General Hitchcock will visit New Mexico in September, and that the secretary of the interior will investigate conditions thoroughly and report to congress.

At the same time President Taft has given assurance that statehood will surely be granted this winter.

POSTPONES DATE FOR THE MEETING

Santa Fe, N. M., June 7.—Chief Justice Mills today postponed the special meeting of the supreme court to assign districts, from June 11 to July 1, as Attorney General Wickersham has ruled that the law creating the seventh judicial district does not go into effect until

WORLD'S CHAMPIONS GIVE PERFORMANCE

Parade Is Led by Three Doleful Horns and a Tom-tom.

"SMOKY" TAKES PART

X. I. T. Ranch Show Well Patronized by Local Amusement Seekers.

Did you go to the circus last Monday? Well, if you didn't you certainly missed it, for they had an excellent crowd. Everybody was there with his girl, and the News representatives were out in full force, on combs, of course.

Everything passed off according to schedule, and although certain parts were lacking, substitutes were used to advantage, and Smoky Miller played the part of two tribes of Indians with great credit to himself. The parade, which was headed by three doleful horns and a tom-tom, took place at 1:30 and marched through the city while enthusiastic thousands cheered the cowboys from the sidewalks and second stories.

Long before tickets were on sale for the first performance the masses began to surge around his large tent, clamoring for admittance to the reserved seat section, while Geo. Barnett, the peanut king, who was out in his little red cap, declared that as soon as he got a bushel of nickels he was going to seek rest away from the mad denning throngs which gathered about his stand, threatening to buy him out of business.

But the circus, it was great, made up of nothing but world's champions, each actor having done his own particular stunt before all the crowned heads of Europe, and the aristocracy of the east; so a wonderful opportunity had the people of Tucumcari to witness the greatest aggregation of champions ever brought together under one tent.

The performers were sober and serious, and worked hard, under the eye of the management, their blunders to perform, paying so attention to the cat-calls and how-aws that arose from the reserved seat section at each repeated failure of a trick.

The fancy shooting was perhaps the best exercise for the performance, since the world's champion on this occasion broke eight balls out of twelve at a range of five feet, more or less. But all the fun was in the concert, and those who failed to pay a dime to remain lost something out of their lives, never to be regained, since they saw Mollena, the queen of all who can dance and sing and cut the pigeon wing.

NO DULL SPELL HAS TUCUMCARI

Work on Depot and Laundry is Being Rushed Through.

MANY RESIDENCES

While some are being heard to complain of a present dull spell, their complaints amount to nothing when it is considered that Tucumcari is just emerging from an exceptional prosperous era. There has always been building going on in this city, and at times there has been as many as sixty buildings going up. Those are the times the people are used to, and when the per cent dwindles they call it dull.

Tucumcari has more building going on at present than any other town the same size, in New Mexico. The new Rock Island freight depot has already taken shape, and is almost ready for the roof. A large force has been employed here since the building was started, two weeks ago, and it will be ready for use in the course of only a few days. As soon as it is completed the present passenger depot will be joined to it, all to form one freight house over two hundred feet long.

Tucumcari's new steam laundry has the walls about up, and a large portion of the machinery has been installed. The building is being erected of concrete blocks and will be a strictly fire-proof structure. This will be completed on July 1st, according to the contract.

The new Central high school building is making progress not expected by the contractors. Everything is moving as satisfactorily as could be wished and the concrete walls will be considerably above the floor of the second story by the first of July.

Hugh Goldenberg's new residence will soon be completed. This is being built of adobe and will be one of the handsomest residences in this city when completed.

Work on Stanley Lawson's new residence on Second street was commenced last week and is being rushed to completion. The foundations have been laid and all the adobe under. It will be finished in a few weeks.

Royal A. Prentice has just about completed his new residence on Third street, and it will be ready for occupancy by the latter part of next week. The three thousand dollar bungalow, belonging to Mr. Reotor, in the Gamble

PARTY ROWS MARK DEBATE ON TARIFF--ALDRICH AND BEVERIDGE SHOW TEMPERS

Conflict, However, Contains Elements of Humor Since Bailey Proceeded Upon an Apparent Misunderstanding of Purpose and Purpose of His Missouri Brother

PORTO RICAN BILL PASSES SANS AMENDMENT

Washington, June 12.—Senator Stone of Missouri and Senator Bailey of Texas, clashed near the close of the senate session this afternoon. Earlier in the day Senators Aldrich and Beveridge, republicans, had exchanged heated remarks along political lines, so that the day's developments resulted in a draw, each party having had its family row.

The Missouri and Texas democratic senators' conflict, however, had an element of humor in it, since Senator Bailey proceeded upon an apparent misunderstanding of the purpose and purpose of his democratic colleague from Missouri, and his readiness to resent a tramping upon his toes which was not intended was amusing in that is conveyed the natural inference that the Texas senator was looking for some such criticism as he understood or misunderstood the Missouri senator to have offered.

On the other hand, Senator Stone's effort to read a lesson to the republicans on loyalty to the party platform added to the gaiety of the occasion, to those who recalled his vote for a 25-cent duty on iron ore, while he was criticizing the republicans for not sticking to their party declaration for a revision downward of tariff rates. It was also amusing, in view of his declaration that he intends voting for a 1-cent pound duty on zinc ore for the benefit of his friends in the Joplin district.

The question raised by the Missouri status quo is whether a member of congress is bound by the platform adopted at the national convention of his party. He made a long argument, tending to show that republican members of the senate were not living up to a pledge of downward revision of the tariff made by the republican convention at Chicago last year. Mr. Bailey, who entered the senate chamber after the conclusion

of Senator Stone's speech, misunderstood the purpose of Mr. Stone's speech.

Mr. Bailey thought Senator Stone was criticizing the members of the democratic party, who voted for a duty on lumber in direct opposition to the last democratic platform, which declared in favor of placing lumber on the free list. Mr. Bailey said he did not think party platforms should contain details of legislation, but should only announce party principles. He added that he did not consider the action of party platforms as binding upon legislators.

Mr. Stone said he had no intention of criticizing the vote of any democratic senator on the lumber schedule, but was directing his attack against the stand patters in the republican ranks who wished to repudiate the pledge for a downward revision.

The cotton schedule was completed at the night session of the senate, which lasted until 10:08 o'clock. The Dingley rates were restored to history, making a reduction of about 20 cents a dozen pairs from the rates of the house bill. Tomorrow the woolen schedule will be taken up.

Porto Rican Bill Passed.

Washington, June 12.—The house of representatives today passed the Porto Rican bill without amendment. The bill provides that whenever the legislature shall fail to make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing fiscal years, those for the current year shall be considered in force and effect. It also provides that hereafter all reports of an official character shall be made direct to an executive department of the government of the United States, to be designated by the president, and such department is authorized to take jurisdiction over all matter pertaining to the island possession.

TAILS MAY BE CUT TOO CLOSE TO FIT

Canines Not Holding Tax Receipt Are Doomed to Dire Fate.

A lady from California, who is spending a couple of months in Tucumcari, recently wrote a beautiful tribute in verse to this little city, in which she lamented the bad habit into which Tucumcari roosters have fallen as well as the back fence demonstrations given by tomcats and the howling of canines at unseasonable hours.

The latter cause for lamentation, however, will probably soon be an ancient history, as Chief of Police Benson has again declared war on the canines of the city and says he is determined to brand Tucumcari dogs by cutting off all their tails directly back of their ears.

While it is the chief's determination to treat all dogs in this manner there will be exceptions, of course, but these are to be no other than those which wear collars and tags showing they are qualified voters, with their taxes duly paid and the receipt tucked away somewhere in the safe.

Such canines holding said receipts and voting in the affirmative on the issue of their tails will of course be exempt from joining the puppy brigade at the graveyard, where one hundred and thirty five have already been laid to rest. The imperative fact stands, however, that none will be exempt from taxation unless they forfeit their tails, and be it known to all that dog tax has been collectable since the first of June.

MISSION SOCIETY.

The Woman's Home Mission society of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, met at the home of Mrs. T. A. Muirhead, last Monday afternoon, Mrs. H. T. Sanders, who has been president for some time, resigned and Mrs. M. I. Morton was elected to her place.

In addition, is completed with the exception of the finishing touches. This will be one of the most expensive houses of the kind in the city. All finishings are to be the best.

SAN JON PREACHER CHARGED WITH MURDER THROUGH WILLFUL NEGLECT

The county jail was compelled to take on a higher moral tone this week because of the presence of the Rev. Jess Fenton, of San Jon, who has taken up his lodgings in the bastille.

The pastor is the leader of the Holiness band of the San Jon vicinity, and is fairly well known throughout the country among his own sect. He was arrested in San Jon on the charge of murder of his wife through willful neglect, those preferring the charges claim that he allowed his wife

to die through neglect and that he refused to allow her medical attention. Fenton was tried before a justice in San Jon but the defendant waived examination and was brought to jail here in default of bond. It is probable he will remain until the convening of the grand jury in October.

The prisoner's wife died only a few weeks ago after a lingering sickness, which, it is claimed, could have been cured, had the pastor allowed her to have had medical attention.